

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for handling an incoming call to or an outgoing call from a subscriber terminal of a ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group within a digital telecommunications switching center of a public telecommunications network, comprising:

switching a connection for the transmission of signaling information and useful information between a calling subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group and an accepting subscriber terminal when there is an incoming call in the digital telecommunications switching center, and

~~or~~ switching a connection for the transmission of signaling information and useful information between the calling subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group and ~~the an~~ an accepting subscriber terminal when there is an outgoing call in the digital telecommunications switching center; and

setting up a connection for the transmission of pure signaling information between the calling subscriber terminal and the accepting subscriber terminal of ~~subscriber~~ the Centrex group in the digital telecommunications switching center.
2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group is assigned a primary call number and at least one associated call number, each corresponding to the primary call number of another subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group.
3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein when an incoming call directed to a first subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group is transferred by a second subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group in the digital telecommunications switching center, switching a connection for the transmission of signaling information and useful information to the second subscriber terminal, and maintaining a connection for the transmission of pure signaling information to the first subscriber terminal.

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein before an incoming call which is directed to a first subscriber terminal and which is associated with the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group is accepted or transferred by a second subscriber terminal which is associated with the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group, assigning the subscriber information which is associated with the first subscriber terminal and which is obtained from a central database of the digital telecommunications switching center, for the duration of the connection, to a ~~subscriber~~ Centrex line group which is located in the digital telecommunications switching center and connects the second subscriber terminal.

5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein before an outgoing call which originates from a subscriber terminal under the associated number is initiated, assigning the subscriber information which is associated with the primary call number and is obtained from a central database of the digital telecommunications switching center, for the duration of the connection, to a ~~subscriber~~ Centrex line group which is located in the digital telecommunications switching center and connects the subscriber terminal.

6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein when an incoming call directed to a first subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group is transferred by a second subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group in the digital telecommunications switching center, switching a connection for the transmission of signaling information and useful information to the second subscriber terminal, and maintaining a connection for the transmission of pure signaling information to the first subscriber terminal.

7. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein before an outgoing call which originates from a subscriber terminal under the associated number is initiated, assigning the subscriber information which is associated with the primary call number and is obtained from a central database of the digital telecommunications switching center, for the duration of the

connection, to a ~~subscriber~~ Centrex line group which is located in the digital telecommunications switching center and connects the subscriber terminal.

8. (currently amended) A system for handling an incoming call to or an outgoing call from subscriber terminals of a ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group within a digital telecommunications switching center of a telecommunications network, comprising:

a first connection, for the transmission of signaling information and useful information between a calling subscriber terminal and an accepting subscriber terminal, being switched when there is an incoming call in the digital telecommunications switching center,

or the first connection, for the transmission of signaling information and useful information between the calling subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group and the accepting subscriber terminal, being switched when there is an outgoing call in the digital telecommunications switching center; and

a second connection for the transmission of signaling information between the calling subscriber terminal and the accepting subscriber terminal of the ~~subscriber~~ Centrex group in the digital telecommunications switching center.